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Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 64983  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #16-0010      --Revises the criteria for participation in the critical access dental program, and increases the payment rates for certain critical access dental providers.

   --Effective Date: July 1, 2016

   --Approval Date: May 16, 2017

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at [Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth A. Hughes  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc:     Ann Berg, MDHS  
       Sean Barrett, MDHS

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6) Hospital-based dental clinics owned and operated by an essential community provider that was formerly a state hospital, and is now an outpatient hospital specializing in the treatment of cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy, closed head injuries, specialized orthopedic problems, and other disabling conditions; and

7) Private practicing dentists if:

- a) the dentist's office is located within the seven-county metropolitan area and more than 50 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare a health professional shortage area as defined under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 5, and United States Code, title 42, section 254E; or
- b) ~~more than 50 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare; and~~

e) the dentist's office is located outside the seven-county metropolitan area and more than 25 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare. ~~the level of service provided by the dentist is critical to maintaining adequate levels of patient access within the service area in which the dentist operates.~~

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10. Dental services. (continued)

FINAL RATE METHODOLOGY

Costs will be determined using the "Medicaid Reimbursement Department of Human Services Medicaid Cost Report for State Operated Dental Clinics." This CMS-approved cost reporting protocol collects cost data from the State Operated Services dental providers and allocates the costs as allowable or unallowable using Medicare principles of reimbursement. The cost report also allocates allowable costs among payers using total billed charges.

Final payment rates will be equal to total costs multiplied by the result of Medicaid fee-for-service charges divided by total charges.

The Department will settle-up with State Operated Services dental providers within 18 months following the receipt of clean and correct cost data reported by the SOS dental providers for the rate year. If the interim payments exceeded the final rate, the Department will recover the overpayment within 60 days from determination of the final rate.

C. Critical access dental providers include public and private dental providers. The State agency established rate is the same for both public and private dental providers.

Effective for services on or after July 1, 201~~3~~<sup>6</sup>, payment to critical access dental providers not owned by a health maintenance organization, and who qualify under the criteria at Attachment 3.1-A or B, item 10.I.1-6, will be increased by 37.5% above the base payment rate described in Attachment 4.19-B, item 10(A). Payment to critical access dental providers owned by a health maintenance organization, and who qualify under the criteria at Attachment 3.1-A or B, item 10.I.1-6, will be increased by 35% above the base payment rate described in Attachment 4.19-B, item 10(A).